

# OUR TOWN

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## CANDLES IN EVERY NARBERTH WINDOW

Old New England Custom Has Become an Annual Local Institution.

### KEEP CURTAINS BACK

Narberth will again this year observe a custom which has made the homes a thing of beauty—that of placing lighted candles in the windows Christmas Eve. Most of the residents have expressed their intention of lighting up the greeting candles before going to the Community Christmas tree.



It was 10 years ago—Christmas, 1915—that about three score Narberthites inaugurated the candle greeting as an expression of neighborliness to the passerby. These loyal home folks responded to a suggestion made in "Our Town," and the first silent salutation took the form of a single candle placed in each window, visible to the street or streets near the individual's home.

In 1916 115 homes had adopted the happy custom. And from the simple single candle form the salutation grew into geometric arrangements of candles displayed in every window of the house. One of the simpler of these arrangements was obtained by the use of two short candles and one tall candle, the tall candle being placed in the center and the two short candles on either side of the tall one.

In the intervening years this custom has grown in amazing proportions and became a unique, looked-for happening to our local residents. Last year, despite bad weather which dampened enthusiasm of the folks who are wont to walk abroad Christmas eve, scarcely a block was without at least one candle greeting; most blocks had several, and some blocks had no houses that were without some form of the silent salute—the sign of "Peace on earth, good-will toward men."

The candle greeting is a very old custom in England, but is used in few places in the United States. Baltimore is one of the few large cities to consistently repeat the practice year after year, while New England has been rapidly developing a greater sentiment for this beautiful custom.

Narberth has adopted the greeting as its own and each year has found it more widely practiced. So let us beat last year's record—let us add every newcomer to the list and half as many more. Better, still, let's see to it that every occupied house shows at least one candle on the eve of December 24, and let's keep them burning until midnight.

One caution—be careful of the curtains! Year after year a bunch of over-practical fire-marshals cry out in horror at the custom of placing candles in the windows. The fire marshals are right in trying to avoid property loss, but their minds all run in the same channels, they seem to recognize the general public as a bunch of low-grade idiots who lack the intelligence to put back the curtains, and fasten them back.

If ordinary care is taken, and if no candles are left burning while the house is unoccupied, the danger is negligible. We have never yet had any trouble in Narberth from such a cause, and despite the fact that nearly every home now joins in, there is no reason to anticipate danger.

So let's all do our part, and if, in the bargain, the weather man gives us snow, Narberth will be a town worth inviting your friends to come out and see.

## Valedictory of Burgess Reviews Narberth Progress of Four Years

At Council meeting Monday night Burgess Carl B. Metzger, who retires from office January 2, read to the members of Council a letter of parting. In it he traced the remarkable progress of the Borough in recent years and made suggestions for future work. His statement, of keen interest to every Narberth resident, follows:

"To the President and Members of Council, Narberth, Penna.

"Gentlemen: "As the four years for which I was elected as your Chief Burgess is fast drawing to a close, and as this is the last meeting of your honorable body before my term expires I take this opportunity to review briefly the accomplishments during the term.

"In the police department we have the arrangement with Lower Merion Township which gives us police protection that compares favorably with much larger municipalities, at a cost much less than we could maintain our own police department. Our system of daily police reports make a permanent record for the Borough.

### Fire Protection.

"In the fire department, the volunteers have all been sworn in as members of the Borough Fire Department; rules and written reports have been installed; day and night men are at all times on duty; drills are being held under the supervision of a lieutenant of the Philadelphia Fire Department; electric siren is used for alarm purposes with air whistle as an emergency call. Arrangements have been made with Lower Merion Township whereby the Borough furnishes fire protection for certain parts of the township, and it is hoped that the new Township building will contain a switchboard for fire purposes, where experienced men will take alarm calls and direct the proper company to respond and do away

with the duplication of effort that now exists. The apparatus, consisting of an American-LaFrance pumper and American-LaFrance hook and ladder and an Autocar hose and chemical wagon, is all new and of the most up-to-date motorized type.

"The personnel of the active firemen is of the highest character, and we can all feel proud of our fire department.

"In the highway department our streets have been kept in good condition and much work has been done in taking out bad crossings, rebuilding streets, cutting off corners and installing storm sewers as well as the great improvement to Woodside avenue and the widening of Wynnewood Road at the end of the Recreation Ground and in generally maintaining the streets and sewers of the Borough.

### New Streets.

"Under the last bond issue, with the immense assistance given the Borough by the Road Improvement Association, the unpaved streets are now paved with but few exceptions. Sidewalks are in, and the appearance of the Borough has been greatly benefited.

"In street lighting the improvement under the Civic Association to the lighting of the business section will change and greatly improve the appearance of the center of the Borough. This work is under way and will be completed within the next few weeks.

"The water service to the Borough has been greatly improved by the installation of the high pressure line along Windsor avenue, connecting it up with our mains, connecting up the dead ends and increasing the water pressure.

"The co-operation between our Board of Health and that of Lower Merion Township has insured us pure milk under proper control and

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## TAX INCREASE IS VOTED BY COUNCIL

Ordinance Calls for Jump from 16 to 25 Mills in 1926.

### CAN'T DODGE EXPENSE

An increase in taxes, even more than prophesied in these columns last week, is provided for in the ordinance which passed first and second reading Monday night.

Council, in making up the budget, found it necessary to increase the tax rate from the present 16 mills to 25, or a jump of 56 per cent. The new levy is divided into the following groups: Borough Purposes, 14 mills; Streets, 5 mills; Sinking Fund, 3½ mills; Fire Protection, 2½ mills.

The budget, when pared to the minimum, totaled \$91,415, as compared with a figure of \$57,885 for the current year. Out of this new budget \$41,250, or nearly half, is to be administered by the Highway Committee.

The ordinances were introduced and read with but little discussion, as the figures had previously been carefully gone over by the several committees. They must come up for final passage at the January meeting. At this time the new Council will be in office, with three new members at the table.

It is not felt, however, that the change in the governing body will result in any drastic revision of the tax figures.

Commenting on the increase, one Councilman remarked, "We are at a crisis in borough affairs. We are stepping from short to long trousers, and must face the cost of growth. It is a source of pride that we have the improvements which are causing the increase, rather than a subject for adverse comment."

Another Councilman, when asked his opinion of an article in a Philadelphia paper which implied that Narberth's taxes are the highest in the suburbs, remarked, "That may be true, but there are two things which must not be overlooked. We get more for our money, in ash collection, free sewers, etc., which other towns must pay for, and our assessments are too low. If these assessments were equalized and increased, the millage could be cut down a great deal."

Final action on the ordinances will be taken January 11.

Bids for the new storage building on the playground were opened. It was found that the proposals, instead of falling within the \$4000 planned, averaged nearly \$7000. Sixteen bids were received, ranging from \$4165 to \$8454.

All bids were rejected and new plans will be drawn, with hollow tile instead of brick construction called for, and other economies to bring down the cost. The new bids will be opened at the January meeting.

Miscellaneous matters which received the attention of Council were:

The payment of \$11,039.91 in bills—the high-water mark for the year.

The passage of a \$2000 list of exonerations asked by Raymond C.

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### BIRTHDAY PARTY

For John Dickie at Glen Mills Home.

Saturday evening, December 12, Hillside Farm, Glen Mills, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel B. Dickie, was the scene of a gay surprise party tendered their son, John L. Dickie, in honor of his birthday.

Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Fleck, Mr. and Mrs. John Nash, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Cooke, Mrs. G. H. Reese and daughter Elma, Miss Emma Mueller, Mr. George Rose and Mr. Ernest Jenkins, from Narberth; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Chalfant, of Cynwyd; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dickie, of Bryn Mawr; Miss Catherine Oakes, of Brandywine Summit; Miss Helen Johnson, of West Chester; Miss Helen Grant, of Philadelphia; Mr. Samuel B. Dickie, Jr., and son Samuel, 3d, and Mr. Millard Dickie, of Glen Mills.

The evening was spent in dancing, cards and a general good time. After refreshments were served the guests departed and the week-end of the morning.

### COLLEGIATE CLERKS

Schools and colleges have supplied all but one of the thirteen additional clerks and carriers employed by the Narberth Post Office to handle the Christmas rush.

The clerks are Miss Evelyn Patten (Sayward School), James Hutchinson (Penn) and William Parker (Princeton).

The carriers are Frank Hutchinson (Penn), Robert Leitch (Lower Merion), John Paul, Donald Brown (Wesleyan), James Maxwell (Penn), Robert Patten (Seymour), Richard Odiorne (Penn), Herbert Burrell (State), Alfred Odiorne (Lower Merion), and Daniel Leitch (Penn).

## WORLD COURT SUBJECT AT COMMUNITY CLUB TUESDAY

Allen S. Olmsted Is Speaker—Other Notes.

Surely every one of the 50 women who heard Mr. Allen S. Olmsted's lecture on the World Court before the Community Club on December 15 felt amply repaid for leaving her Christmas busy-ness. Mr. Olmsted spoke little in argument for the adhesion of the United States to the World Court, but rather in explanation of the organization of the Court, of its advantages over the old Hague Permanent Court of Arbitration, in that it is more truly an international body, and of its connection with the League of Nations, principally through the machinery of electing the judges. He stressed, too, the Harding-Hughes-Coolidge reservations, once four, now six, and their significance, and warned against those who, while giving lip service to the Court, insist on fundamental changes in its organization, which they well know will not be made.

A number of interesting reports and announcements preceded the lecture. Mrs. Frederick Torrey reported on the opening and organization of the Sixty-ninth Congress, with especial emphasis on the importance of the Pennsylvania delegation, as shown by its 13 chairmanships of important committees and the fact that no House Committee is without a member from this State.

Mrs. H. C. Fenno reported 618 memberships in the Red Cross secured in Narberth in the recent campaign.

Mrs. L. C. Douglass reported receipts of \$946 from tickets for the Firemen's Concert sold by her committee.

Mrs. E. H. Cockrill told a little of the plans of the Civics Committee for the Community Christmas Tree. People are asked to meet at their churches at 7 o'clock on Christmas eve and to proceed singing to the little park on the Haverford avenue side of the railway station, where the tree will stand. There will be short speeches by prominent citizens and more carols, all of which will not take more than half an hour.

Mrs. A. Y. Reinking announced that the Hospitality Committee is to give a dinner dance in the auditorium of the Central Y. M. C. A., Broad and Arch streets, Philadelphia, at 6.30 P. M., January 15, 1926. The tickets for dinner, dancing and cards are only \$1.50. Help the committee by making your reservations promptly.

The hostess for the afternoon was Mrs. Howard Cotter. Her aides were Mrs. J. J. Findeison, Mrs. A. W. Fredericks, Mrs. G. F. Michaelson, Mrs. William Ballingall, Mrs. Alfred Peeney and Mrs. E. S. Deubler.

### CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Christmas program at the Methodist Church, December 20, will be:

Anthem—"Shine, Star of Glory," Wilson.

Soprano solo—"Night of Nights."

Anthem—"There Were Shepherds," Ashford.

Anthem—"The Gift of God," Wilson.

Anthem—"Glory to God in the Highest," Wildermere.

The Sunday school will sing their cantata on Wednesday evening, December 23.

On Sunday, December 27, in the morning, the choir will sing Christmas anthems, and in the evening a large chorus choir will sing West's cantata, "The Story of Bethlehem."

## NARBERTH PLANS CHRISTMAS TREE

Annual Carol Service to Be Sponsored by Women's Club.

### CHURCHES ARE AIDING

Plans for a bigger and better-than-ever community Christmas tree are well under way. A fine tree festooned with many colored lights is to be placed in the garden plot at the north side of the Pennsylvania Railroad station and a half-hour celebration is to take place at 7 o'clock on Christmas eve (Thursday). People are asked to assemble at their various churches about 6.45 and each congregation, led by its own choir, is expected to march en masse to the tree singing "Hark the Herald



Angels Sing." Rev. W. S. Dawson, of the Methodist Church, will make the invocation then the assembled multitude will be asked to sing "O Little Town of Bethlehem," Burgess-elect Henry A. Frye will say a word of welcome. Hon. Fletcher W. Stites will make a brief address. Mrs. H. A. Jacobs will greet the guests in the name of the Women's Community Club.

Following these talks another carol, "Holy Night, Silent Night," will be sung by everybody and the Rev. John Van Ness, of the Presbyterian Church, will pronounce the benediction.

Prospects of a wonderfully beautiful tree are possible through the generosity of the merchants on and near Haverford avenue, the Narberth business section.

Donations of money have also been received from the Girl Scout Troop, the Tennis Club, Women's Community Club and from most of the churches. The whole affair has been sponsored by the Women's Community Club with the Civic Committee directly in charge. Mrs. E. H. Cockrill is chairman and her assistants are Mrs. Clifford Bates, Mrs. Leroy Douglass, Mrs. Lindley Trotter, Mrs. F. T. Van Auker, Mrs. Joseph A. Miller, Mrs. Robert F. Wood, Mrs. Robert J. Nash and Mrs. W. A. Fox.

### PENN STATE SHOW

A number of local Penn State graduates are interested in the forthcoming performance in Philadelphia by the Thespians, dramatic body of State.

The production, to be given December 23 in the Elks' auditorium, is "The Kid Himself," staged under the supervision of Ned Wayburn. The show won the Ziegfeld-Wayburn prize last year for the best college production.

Tickets are on sale in Narberth at Davis' store. Among the local Penn Staters interested in the show are J. E. Freemann, Charles E. Kremer, Edward U. Smith, A. Perry Redifer, Jr., R. Ross Howenstein and George S. Rose.

### P. O. OPEN AT NIGHT

Postmaster Fred C. Patten has announced that the Post Office will be open every day next week until 8 P. M. in order to expedite Christmas mailings.

The office will be closed all day Christmas, and no deliveries will be made. Special delivery mail only will leave the office on that day for Narberth homes.

### ILLNESS

Mrs. C. C. Entenmann, of Sabine avenue, has been confined to her bed for some time with illness.

Frances Little, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence M. Little, of Essex avenue, is seriously ill with pneumonia.

## DEDICATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Services Will Be Held Tomorrow Morning.

Formal dedication services of the enlarged Presbyterian Church building will be held tomorrow, December 20, at the hour of morning worship. The new parish building has been in use several months, but the enlarged church auditorium was used last Sunday for the first time.

The meeting last Sunday morning was one long to be remembered by all those who were present—the largest congregation ever assembled in this church; by actual count there were 440 in attendance, 405 of whom partook of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

During this past week the opening of this church has been fitly celebrated by a congregational dinner held on Wednesday evening, at which about 250 enjoyed a real feast of fellowship; on Thursday evening at which the pastors and congregations of the neighboring churches joined in glad greetings, and on Friday evening when the celebration was conducted by the Bible School.

The more formal dedicatory services of tomorrow morning should be of special interest to the entire congregation.

### GOLDEN WEDDING

Celebration in Honor of Rev. and Mrs. M. E. McLinn.

A golden wedding! To very few is given the great joy of celebrating 50 years of married life. That pleasure will soon be enjoyed by Dr. and Mrs. Milton E. McLinn, of the Narberth Lutheran Church.

A social evening in their honor is being planned for December 28 at 8 P. M. in the church, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society. No cards of invitation have been sent out, but it is to be hoped that their many friends in Narberth and vicinity will embrace this opportunity to congratulate Dr. and Mrs. McLinn on this very happy occasion.

There will be greetings from visiting pastors and a delightful musical program. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

## BIG LEGION MINSTREL SHOW COMING SOON

January 22 Is Date Set for Annual Affair.

The American Minstrel Show is a unique institution in the amusement world. From the earliest periods of the Christmas era the art of minstrelsy had developed in the old world until by the middle ages held first place in the entertainment profession.

In England the minstrels were given special immunity in the way of using the names of potentates and lords in their jesting, a rare privilege to enjoy before the age of Parliaments and Democracy. With the ancient amusement institutions as a background American minstrelsy was developed with a typical American setting—the old plantation, Dorsey, and the Negro Methodists or Christy Minstrels were the principal vehicles of Stephan Foster and first rendered to American audiences such typical American melodies as "Oh, Susannah," "Old Kentucky Home," "Old Folks at Home," "Massa's in de Cold Ground," etc. Believing that there is a genuine need today of more wholesome, innocent and at the same time splitting fun in every community right within our own social boundaries the Horace D. Speakman Post, No. 356, have by special arrangement provided for a rollicking old-time minstrel show, to take place right here in Narberth, at Borough Hall, to be exact at 8.30 P. M., Friday evening, January 22, 1926.

This show will feature exclusively professional talent, among whom who will positively appear will be such renowned minstrel performers as Will Lawrence and Joe Plavis as two principal end men, also none other than the well-known Raymond Knox, sometimes better known by his appellation of "the Society Jester," will appear as interlocutor.

The Gowan's "music masters" orchestra will furnish the music for the entire show and by special arrangement will play for dancing after the curtain.

Display advertisement will appear in an early edition of "Our Town," telling of many of the big features in store for the Narberth public in the best and best entertainment, endeavor the local Legion post has been undertaken.

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## COUNCIL MUST RAISE BOROUGH TAXES 56 PER CENT.

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Jones, tax collector. The list included duplications, errors, etc.

A motion to present the Merion Construction Company with \$100, which they claim is the cost of revising the plans on their building at the northeast corner of Narberth and Haverford avenues. The corner was cut off before the structure was finished in order to permit of higher visibility at the dangerous intersection. A similar setback at the corner was made by the Merion Title and Trust Company and by William D. and H. T. Smedley, whose buildings on opposite corners are now being completed. These local companies made the change without cost to the borough.

A petition to cut Homewood avenue through to Wynnedale avenue was tabled. The intervening land has become the property of Robert J. Nash through disuse as a street, and would have to be purchased from him. As the cost of the land alone would be nearly \$4000, it was felt that such an additional increase in taxes was unjustified at this time.

Just before the adjournment of Council, President Hall expressed his appreciation of the support which had been given him in his office during the past eight years by the members of Council and spoke in particular of the efficiency and loyalty of the clerk, Mr. Charles V. Noel, and of the street commissioner, Mr. George B. Suplee, and the treasurer, Mr. E. P. Dold.

Councilman Leitch responded by saying that although he had no fixed speech in mind, it had been his intention not to permit President Hall's last meeting to adjourn without some expression of the appreciation which the members of Council had felt because of his fairness and skill as a presiding officer. Mr. Stites, the borough solicitor, stated that in his experience in borough affairs, dating back to 1906, and also in legislative bodies, he had never seen anyone who wielded the gavel with surer skill and greater mastery of parliamentary procedure.

It was obvious that everyone present felt that Mr. Hall had given the borough an unusual degree and quality of service, and that his departure from office was not only regretted but was regarded as presenting a formidable task to his successor who will, of course, be to a considerable degree measured by the standards which Mr. Hall has established.

### AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

The "Department Day Luncheon," held at All Saints Parish House, Montgomery and Wynnedale avenues, was thoroughly enjoyed by the members and friends present, and was moreover a success from a financial standpoint in placing a substantial sum at the disposal of the committee for the benefit of the Department of Pennsylvania. At this gathering Mrs. Ella V. Smith, chairman, the unit's rehabilitation committee placed on display a beautiful knitted afghan, which she, in collaboration with her daughter, Miss Mildred, and Mrs. Charles Jenkins, had fabricated for the boys in Ward 1-3, Government Tuberculosis Hospital, at Oteen, N. C. Fifty stockings are being filled to be sent to U. S. Veterans' Hospital, No. 49, and a Christmas box is being packed for a boy the auxiliary has been interested in who is now in the U. S. V. B. Hospital, No. 63, Lake City, Fla. To the Rev. Gibson Bell and his parish the committee are very much indebted for the hospitality of the parish house, whose complete appointments made the occasion one that will leave the most pleasure-

able memories to all present.

The next regular meeting of the auxiliary will be held at the home of Mrs. John Smith, No. 211 Elm Terrace, on Monday evening, December 21, at 8 o'clock. The annual election of officers will take place at this meeting.

### NEW PLAYGROUND BOARD

A number of changes in the Playground Board have been made by Burgess Metzger, due to changes in the School Board and Council.

Col. I. A. Miller will replace C. Howard McCarter, who in turn is reappointed for a full term in the place of W. R. D. Hall.

Mrs. E. C. Batchelor was appointed to replace Robert J. Dold as the second School Board member.

### BIRTHDAY PARTY

A number of friends of Arthur Wright, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Warren Wright, of Woodside avenue, attended a birthday party given in his honor on Monday.

### BLEW TAPS

Prominent in the funeral services Wednesday of last week for Dr. Russell Conwell was Fred C. Patten, of Narberth.

Mr. Patten, a member of Dr. Conwell's church, blew taps over the grave, a service which he has performed in the burial of many prominent persons.

Commander Charles H. Shaw, U. S. N., is spending two weeks' leave with his family on Avon road. He is in command of the "N. S. S. Putnam," now at Boston, Mass.

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### NOTICE

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Narberth National Bank for the election of Directors and the transaction of any other business that may come before this meeting will be held at the Narberth National Bank on Tuesday, the 12th day of January, at 5 P. M. Hugh M. Brown, President. J. L. McCrery, Cashier.

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### MANY ATTEND VICTORY DANCE AT CYNWYD CLUB

The dance held Friday last at the Cynwyd Club in honor of Lower Merion's victory over Radnor in the Main Line classic was the largest of its kind in the history of the club. The entire Main Line was well represented as well also all the bordering towns and as a final touch, just before the orchestra started playing the finale, six representatives of the Radnor team entered, a surprise party, to pay homage to Lower Merion.

The Mid-Nite Orchestra performed in worthy style and seemed particularly pleasing in the elimination dance, in which event the semi-final found Coach Adam, Past Captain Peabody, Egg Morris and Captain Kuen with their partners. When the winning number was drawn by Miss Roddy Gray, Captain Kuen responded and amid hearty applause danced the round with his partner, then received the prizes.

The entire dance floor was made most attractive and the pennants of the school, the championship emblems of past years and other trophies were used to decorate the walls. A canopy was made of red and white flags, while at one corner was to be seen the silver horse shoe and rabbit's foot, relics of the past and past victories. The decorating was well done by the committee, headed by Eugene Kuen, with Misses Peg Perch, Roddy Gray and Betty Stratton. The patrons included Mrs. S.

E. Kuen, Mrs. Fort, Mrs. O. Charles Broderson, Mrs. J. F. Scull, Mrs. C. G. Stewart, Mrs. Morris and Mrs. W. M. Fischer. The following of the faculty honored the affair with their presence: Coach Albert C. Adam with Mrs. Adam, Director Luther Grossman with Mrs. Grossman, Doctor Wm. L. Martin and Mrs. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Zook. The committee in charge of arrangements included Mr. B. Franklin McGrady, of Bryn Mawr; Mr. H. Spencer Stillwagon, of Ardmore, and Mr. Barney Fischer, of Cynwyd.

Among those present and seen dancing on the floor were:

Patience Walker, Mary Marcott, Ella Ross, Helen Farrell, Margaret Bandel, Nora Snyder, Edith Maguire, K. Burkess, H. Simms, M. Ebert, F. O'Connell, B. S. Canlon, E. McGrady, J. Adams, G. McGrady, C. O'Connell, E. DeHuff, H. Williams, M. Maise, E. Buckley, F. Lentz, B. Cook, T. Gibbons, B. McDowell, D. Rotche, T. Lenn, A. Frane, R. Ruddick, A. Compton, S. Wynn, V. Downs, J. Williams, F. Smith, Del Wyeth, F. Livezey, C. Davet, R. Francis, M. Jones, M. Gauhen, M. Metzgar, C. Metzgar, G. Kenysen, M. Mecke, D. Wolf, A. Broadbelt, B. Franklin, E. Tomkinson, Peg Woodward, G. Ruddick, Marie Clayton, Mary Wilkinson. A. Gilmore, H. Stratton, P. Dohan, P. Siter, B. McConaughy, L. Ostron, S. Ross, H. Morris, B. Dohard, L. Mandis, N. Frankenfeld, J. Pettit, V. Lipkin, H. Graham, J. Miller, H. Monorery, R. Rudraff, J. Leitch, C. Lawless, T. Crane, P. Ohl, J. McCann, M. Miller, F. Peabody, J. Costello, F. Kelly, J. Faulk, L. Wilson, J. Woodward, T. Cutler, J. Nugent, B. Clinton, J. Fleming, C. Mecke, F. Ball, C. Campbell, P. Scull, J. McGowen, F. Houseman, F. Scull, N. Wilber, J. Speirs, W. Supplee, R. Ruddick, W. Leitchfield, D. Gibbons, J. Jones, F. Paxton, F. Smyth, H. Young, F. Slack, H. Krauer, R. Scull, C. Rudraff, S. Owens, B. Kraft, Al Sloan, M. Miller, T. Scanlon, B. Stanton, G. Graham, G. Arthfield, D. McEnery, B. Purvis, J. Rubishon, J. Hienes, P. Derham, R. Renalds, J. Lockewood, N. Koenig, W. Stewart, G. Ruddick, F. McGrady, M. Matlack, W. Wanamaker, B. Heron, F. Fort, F. Felix, N. Woodbury, B. Mayer.

### PLAN XMAS PARTY

Will Be Given at Ardmore Clinic—Officers Re-Elected.

At the annual meeting of the Public Health and Child Welfare Committee the report was given of the work done during the year by the three clinics, Ardmore, Bryn Mawr and West Manayunk. The total number of children attending the clinics was 2503, of which 390 attended for the first time this year.

Mrs. Henry C. Earnshaw was re-elected Chairman and Mrs. Emmet R. Tatnall as Secretary. Following the election plans for the Christmas party to be given to the children and mothers of the three clinics were discussed.

The party is to be held at the Ardmore Clinic on Tuesday, December 29, 1925, at 2 o'clock. The mothers and children who have been attending the clinics of Ardmore, Bryn Mawr and West Manayunk are invited.

This is your paper and your advice is appreciated.

## A Personal Question ?

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Sales Booming Sends Country Lots Kiting, Haverford Visitor Finds.

### WRITES CHAMBER HEAD

Shortage of building material due to present railroad and shipping embargoes and high-priced sales booming has made Florida an expensive luxury. This is the information of A. A. Harmer, Jr., of Haverford, in a letter to Richard J. Hamilton, banker-president of the Ardmore Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Harmer, who completed an 1800-mile trip through the South and Florida in eight days, is spending his fourth winter in the Real Estate Men's Paradise.

"The place has grown considerably in the past few years," he writes, "but there is not a great deal of building activity due probably to the shortage of building material."

"There is, however, much real estate activity and land is being sold everywhere, even in remote sections and practical wilderness. Florida has been described as 600 miles long, 150 miles wide and three feet high. This is something of an exaggeration, of course, but without doubt many of the lots now apparently high and dry being sold here today will be veritable swamps in the rainy season."

#### Many Arrive Too Late.

"Many people came down here expecting to make money in the advance price of real estate. But the advance they are figuring on has already taken place! Lots for residential purposes in practically a wilderness, miles from any town, are held from \$2000 to \$10,000, according to location and desirability. Future business frontage in a section not at present built up is advertised at \$2000 a front foot. These prices, as far as I can see, are not backed up by any substantial business development. Millions of dollars are being spent in the large developments of real estate everywhere."

"In magazines and papers these developments are advertised with enticing adjectives in the superlative degree. There are thousands and thousands of real estate developers, brokers and salesmen swarming all over Florida, and the money they spend in their advertisements, both in Florida and elsewhere, must reach a stupendous figure! But when you get down to brass tacks, and investigate a few of these wonderful 'opportunities for making money,' you are apt to get the shock of your life."

#### Only Wealthy Can Afford It.

"The wealthy man can afford to live here during the winter season, putting up fine and expensive hotels, or retaining a pretentious private home of his own. He would not stay here during the hot summer months."

"The man of moderate means can often leave his business cares long enough to spend part of the winter in Florida. He very often feels he would like a place of his own here. When interest on the total cost is figured, as well as taxes, sewer rent, water, insurance, upkeep, etc., a very modest home would cost at least \$800 a year. This does not include living expenses. He and his family could live at a comfortable hotel, or probably rent an apartment for two or three months for considerably less than it would cost to own a home here, and he would have none of the responsibilities incident to property ownership. He could feel free to spend each succeeding winter in a different place, while with home ownership he would be compelled to return to the same place year after year."

#### Summer Too Hot.

"The working man that would figure on buying a home in Florida would probably expect to make his permanent home here. But would he be satisfied, would he really find Florida all that his fondest dreams and the alluring advertisements he has read have led him to believe? Would he be satisfied to withstand the long hot summer months in this climate? No doubt, many people, after they have spent one summer here, will say, as I have heard them say, 'Never again!'"

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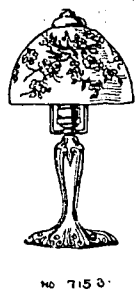
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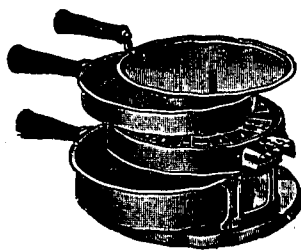
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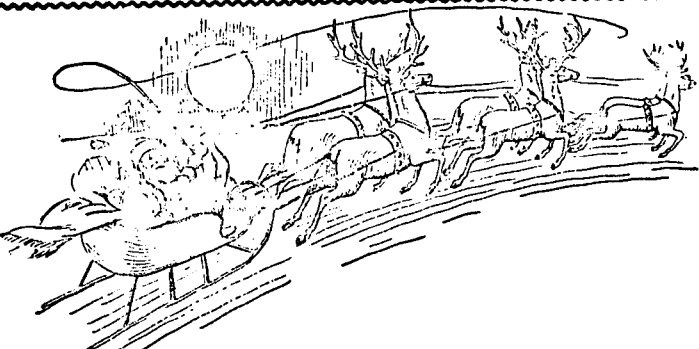
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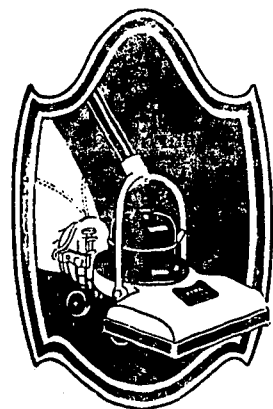
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## NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

Baptist Church of the Evangel.

Robert E. Keighton, minister.

Services for December 20—

9.45 A. M.—Church school. The

Young Men's class is studying the  
recently-published syllabus "Why the  
Church?" It is proving exceedingly pro-  
vocative of thought. (Incidentally,  
last week's meeting discussed the  
agencies in Narberth that helped our  
church to make a religious contribu-  
tion to the community. It was the  
heartly sentiment of the class that "Our  
Town" was one such important aid,  
rendering valuable service by its open  
columns and careful co-operation in  
putting before the people an accurate  
account of church news.)11 A. M.—Morning worship. Sermon,  
"One Note from the Angel's Song,"  
7 P. M.—Young People's service in  
the social room.7.45 P. M.—Evening worship. Ser-  
mon: "The Man Nobody Knows."  
Book review.

Monday, December 21—

7.30 P. M.—The big church school

Christmas entertainment! This will

be a real entertainment, with Santa

Claus and all his corps of funsters!

What a delightful time we shall have

—young children and old children. Do

you like a magician? Well, better

come!

Wednesday, December 23—

6.30 P. M.—Church family dinner.

8 P. M.—Church forum.

Our guests will be Miss Cora W.

Sydney and Miss Feren. Miss Feren

is a graduate native nurse from the

Philippine Islands, post graduate of

the University of Pennsylvania Hospi-  
tal and at present a student in the

Philadelphia School of the Bible.

Keep in mind the Christmas services

next Sunday. In the morning the ser-  
mon is "The World by Starlight." At

the evening worship we present the

ever-delightful and charming story

"Why the Chimes Rang," in Panto-  
mine and reading. This will be fol-  
lowed by a white gift service of the

church school.

All Saints' Church, Wynnewood, Pa.

Rector, Rev. Gibson Bell; assistant

minister, Rev. Francis A. Gray.

Sunday, December 20—

8 A. M.—Holy Communion.

10 A. M.—Church school.

(Bus leaves Narberth Station at

9.40.)

11 A. M.—Litany and Anti-Commun-  
ion. Sermon by the rector.

Offertory—"The Wilderness," S. S.

Wesley.

Christmas Eve, 11.30—Carol sing

with full choir of 40 voices.

12 o'clock—Holy Communion.

Christmas Day—Holy Communion

at 11.

Wednesday, December 23—Church

school presentation of stockings at 3

P. M.

Methodist Episcopal Church.

Rev. W. Sheridan Dawson, minister.

Sunday, December 20—

9.45 A. M.—Bible school. Hon. F. W.

Suits, superintendent.

11—Morning worship. Theme, "The

Fullness of Time." Special music by

the choir.

6.45 P. M.—Epworth League devo-  
tional meeting. Leader, Miss Anna

McCracken.

7.45—Evening worship. Theme,

"Following the Star—What Do We

Find?"

Monday, at 8 P. M., Miss Pauline

Mayo, reader and impersonator, will

give her famous presentation of "Pol-  
lyanna" in the church.Wednesday, at 7.45 P. M., the Sun-  
day school will hold its Christmascelebration and present a pageant ser-  
vice, entitled "The Path of Promise."

On Thursday evening at 7 o'clock

this congregation will assemble at the

church and will march in a body to

the place appointed for the dedica-  
tion of the Community Christmas Tree,

to participate in the services.

Early Christmas morning service at

the church at 6 o'clock. "The Story

of the Other Wise Man," illustrated

with 40 beautiful colored slides, will

be a feature of this service.

The church of Good-Fellowship has

a welcome for you at all services.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

M. E. M. Linn, pastor.

Regular services December 20, 1925:

Sunday school—9.45.

Morning worship—11.

Sermon on "There Is He that Is

Born King of the Jews."

Luther Leagues, Senior and Junior,

6.45 P. M.

Evening service—7.45.

Sermon, "Every Knee Shall Bow."

Last Sunday was a glad and suc-  
cessful day in the Lutheran Church.The services were well attended, es-  
pecially that in the evening. Every-

body seemed happy.

The Presbyterian Church.

Rev. John Van Ness, minister.

Meetings for December 20—

9.30 A. M.—Bible school. All de-  
partments; 419 present last Sunday.11—Morning worship. Formal ded-  
ication of the enlarged church building.

Historical sermon by Mr. Van Ness.

Special exercises by the Junior Church

and formal presentation of their offer-  
ing to the Building Fund.

6.45 P. M.—Meeting of the Senior

Endeavor Society in the upper room.

7 P. M.—Meeting of the Intermedi-  
ate Endeavor Society in the lower

room.

7.45—Evening worship with a for-  
ward look toward Christmas. Special

Christmas music and sermon on the

theme: "Making Room for the Babe

of Bethlehem."

Next Wednesday evening the Bible

school will celebrate the Birth of our

Lord with glad songs, recitations and

a beautiful Christmas pageant. The

meeting will be in the new social room

and will begin promptly at 7.30 o'clock.

The usual Christmas morning praise

and prayer service will be held next

Friday at 9 o'clock in the church par-  
lor. Let us all come and extend to

each other our glad Christmas greet-



## A MUCH-TALKED OF BOOK

One of the most curiously in-  
teresting of the many new books  
recently added to the Narberth  
Community Library is "Lava  
Lane," by Nathalia Crane.It is a book of poems and the  
author is an 11-year-old Brooklyn  
girl. Moreover, it is Nathalia's  
second volume of verse—the first  
being entitled "The Janitor's Boy,"  
which was published about a year  
ago.For months the literary world,  
particularly the New York literary  
world, has been agog with rumors  
and gossip about this extraordi-  
nary young lady and her books of  
poems. Some of the critics have  
hailed her as a prodigy of unusual  
poetic talents. Others have frank-  
ly admitted that they had no rea-  
son to doubt that Nathalia wrote  
the poems she is credited with hav-  
ing written, but declare they never  
dreamed that so sophisticated a  
mind could exist in so youthful a  
body. While some of the bolder  
ones have intimated that they firm-  
ly believe that the whole thing  
was a literary hoax perpetrated by  
a small group of well-known  
writers.Nathalia and her father laugh at  
the "hoax" idea and say it is ab-  
surd.Meanwhile the public is buying  
copies of both of Nathalia's books  
and reading them—enjoying the  
poems, but being just as puzzled  
as the critics.There are, of course, well au-  
thenticated cases of child geniuses.  
Chatterton, the poet, was only 18  
when he died. Coming down to  
the present day and swinging over  
into the music field, there are the  
two noted cases of Hoffman, the  
pianist, and Heifetz, the violinist,  
both of whom were not merely  
"good performers," but were ac-  
knowledgeed marvels when they  
were the merest children.But Narberth folks who are in-  
terested in such subjects may read  
how 11-year-old Nathalia's newest  
book of poems, "Lava Lane," and  
form their own opinions. This is  
only one of the many of the sea-  
son's newest books that have been  
added to the Narberth Community  
Library and are now available for  
reading.

## SANTA CLAUS

To Appear at Presbyterian Sunday  
School.The annual Christmas entertain-  
ment of the Presbyterian Bible  
school will be held in the new so-  
cial room of the church on Wed-  
nesday evening, December 23, at  
7.30.At this hour Santa Claus will  
appear and the presentations of  
rewards for regular attendance  
will take place. There will also  
be candy for each scholar.The feature of the evening will  
be the presentation in costume of a  
beautiful Christmas pageant called  
"The Adoration of the Kings and  
Shepherds," a story of the Nativ-  
ity, introducing the singing of  
Christmas carols by the audience.The climax of the evening will  
be the great offering for the Pres-  
byterian Orphanage in which  
every member of the school will  
have a part.

## PACKED A BARREL

The Senior Luther League met  
in the Sunday school room of the  
Lutheran Church on last Tuesday  
evening to pack the barrel to be  
sent to the Lutheran settlement in  
Philadelphia. They had a pleas-  
ant social evening and did good  
work for the cause for which they  
had planned. The barrel will be  
sent next Tuesday, December 22,  
so there is still an opportunity for  
those who have not contributed to  
do so.The Junior Luther League de-  
corated calendars, which were a  
credit to them.ings, and think together of the deeper  
meaning of the Nativity of our Bless-  
ed Lord.Many favorable comments were  
made upon the first appearance last  
Sunday of the vestments worn by  
the choir and the Geneva gown worn by  
the minister.First Church of Christ, Scientist.  
Women's Club Building, Ardmore  
Avenue, Ardmore, Pa.

Sunday services, 11 A. M.

Wednesday evening testimonial

meeting, 8 o'clock.

Reading room, 19 West Lancaster

avenue, open each week-day, 12 to

4.30 P. M.

The subject of the Bible lesson ser-  
mon for December 20, 1925, is: "Is

the Universe, Including Now, Evolved

by Atomic Force?"



# BURGESS METZGER READS VALEDICTORY

CONTINUED FROM THE FIRST PAGE

"The Building Code, with its inspections, has improved the grade of structures in the Borough, and while we are about 95 per cent. built up, it is important that new buildings and alterations to old ones be carefully inspected and built under rigid regulations.

## Praises Zoning.

"The Zoning Ordinance, in my opinion, was the best ordinance passed by Council, and the thought and careful work put on this matter by both the Zoning Commission and Council deserve the highest praise. Narberth was one of the first boroughs in Pennsylvania to pass such an ordinance and the present Board of Adjustment has used good judgment in passing on the various problems in connection with zoning that have been put up to them.

"Council has worked with a great deal of enthusiasm in connection with the rating of the Borough for fire insurance purposes, and has passed all the ordinances suggested by the Underwriters except the anti-shingle ordinance, and it is hoped that the new inspection of the Borough which the Underwriters have just completed will put up in a high classification and lower the insurance premium for all our residents.

## Hopes for New Station.

"In the matter of improvements to the station by the Pennsylvania Railroad good progress is being made and our hopes are high that we will soon have a new station on the south side; freight station and tracks removed to Wynnewood; an additional foot walk on the Narberth avenue bridge; the present wooden building attached to the stone station on the north side torn down and removed and our post office located in the first floor of the present station as well as Haverford avenue from the entrance to the station to Conway avenue widened and paved.

"The Recreation Ground has been leveled off, planted, and put in good shape under the management of the Recreation Board and the School

District has kept paid instructors there during the summer months with all kinds of appliances for the little ones. The grounds have been utilized by the baseball team and for other athletic activities.

"The Trustees of the Y. M. C. A. have made a most generous gift to the people of Narberth by building the beautiful brick structure on the Recreation Ground to house the Community Library, the Girl Scouts and the American Legion, as well as furnishing the money to complete the grading of the grounds.

"With all the above-mentioned improvements taxes have been kept at the old figure of 16 mills and we all realize that it is no longer possible to do the necessary things in the Borough with this tax rate and keep up the sinking funds with bonded indebtedness increased over \$100,000 in the last four years, so the first problem before the next Council will be an increase in millage.

## Assessments Too Low.

"The assessment of property in the Borough is entirely too low; ten years ago it was a fifty per cent. assessment and today the average on residences is around 33 per cent., and in the business section about 20 per cent. of their sale value. This should be changed and the millage for various purposes would then be reduced.

"The Tax Collector, Mr. Raymond C. Jones, has performed his duty with marked ability and the outstanding taxes for the years 1918 to 1923 amount to less than \$4000, with about \$1000 uncollected for 1924, and about \$12,000 for 1925, and steps have been taken to make settlement of these back taxes and straighten out the exonerations which should be granted so as to get this money into the Borough treasury.

"The Borough Auditors will soon make their annual audit which will show that the floating debt of the Borough has increased from \$11,300, January 1, 1924, to over \$35,000, the first of January, 1926, which, added to the notes outstanding for the fire engine, Autocar truck, the note assumed for the fire company and the note in pa-

ment of the Narbrook Park sewer will make over \$50,000, the interest alone on which will be over \$2500 a year.

"The uncollected liens which amounted last year to over \$9000, and which will be greatly increased this year on account of sidewalks, curbs, gutters and paving should have careful consideration and would suggest that Council appoint a special committee to handle this important matter.

"The finances of the Borough should have your careful consideration and while it takes a great deal of money to maintain the necessary expenses and keep up the sinking funds, by concerted action and effort on the part of Council, the Assessor and the Tax Collector, the conditions now existing can be greatly improved.

## Narberth May Be Proud.

"With streets all improved and paved, police and fire protection of the highest order, the Recreation Ground, collection of ashes and garbage, new station facilities, lowered insurance rates, the zoning ordinance protecting your residence against the encroachment of business, Narberth has every right to be proud of herself and boast of real progress in the affairs of the community.

"I want to thank the President and all the individual members of Council for the fine co-operation they have always given me and also to state that the time and work given by Councilmen to the Borough will probably never be known to the average citizen, but they all deserve the greatest commendation for their services.

"It is also a pleasure to commend all the various Borough officials; the Street Commissioner, Mr. Suplee, has found time to be of assistance in every department of Borough affairs and his work has been of the highest order. The Secretary of Council and our Fire Chief Noel is another who we cannot do without, and who cannot be compensated for the valuable services rendered.

"The Borough Treasurer Mr. Dold, has always been active in the affairs of the Borough and his de-

partment is in the fine shape it always is.

"The Solicitor, Senator Stites, with the assistance of Mr. Frye, has given the Borough the best of service, especially in connection with the road improvement work and the Borough cannot pay for services rendered such as those given by the various Borough officials.

"Asking from Council the same courteous treatment for my successor, Mr. Frye, that has been accorded me and wishing the Borough of Narberth the greatest success in the coming years, I am,

"Sincerely yours,  
"CARL B. METZGER,  
"Chief Burgess."

## VETERANS' INSURANCE

Attention of all world war veterans is called to the fact that under the present act all term insurance must be reinstated by June 30, 1926.

The value and advantage of this Government life insurance is so obvious and so well recognized that no attempt is made here to reproduce premium rates, policy loan values, endowment features, etc., but attention of our ex-service men is hereby invited to the fact that the American Legion through its service officers will, upon request, further all such information to the veterans, also furnish the necessary application blanks for reinstatement, etc. All veterans, whether members of the Legion or not, are entitled to this or any other service, such as the handling of adjusted compensation claims. Government medical and hospitalization service, etc. The service officer of the local post (Harold D. Speakman, No. 356) is Harry A. Simpson, Avon road, Narberth.

## BOY SCOUTS

The Boy Scout Troop Committee held an organization meeting, at which Mr. C. M. Little was elected chairman. Mr. Little has advanced through the ranks of the Scout world, even being a Scout Commissioner for a time, so that he is well acquainted with the methods of the Scout movement. The old secretary-treasurer was

re-elected. By invitation the two Scoutmasters were present, also Mr. E. A. Carlson, executive for the Delaware and Montgomery Counties Association, the governing body for the Main Line district.

Methods, ways and means were discussed, and as patrols and patrol leaders will change at the beginning of the year, the new year will see the new plans put into effect. Informal discussion was held on the subject of mortgage, interest and improvements, minstrel show and camping. The committee was much pleased at the interest that has been shown, especially in the recent construction of a somewhat technical radio receiver by various boys, members of the troop. While regular Scout duties will not be neglected, there will be interesting and special extras during the coming season.

## PLAN APARTMENT HOUSE

Plans are under way for a large apartment house soon to be constructed in Narberth.

S. W. Sargent and Company are considering the erection of a three-story, 15-apartment structure on Essex avenue, near Windsor, on the lot, back of the Kreamer property.

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# SANTA CLAUS HAS ARRIVED AT OUR STORE



## A Fairyland of Pretty Dolls

Don't fail to visit our doll section. Whether you are young or older, you are sure to enjoy it. We doubt if prettier dolls ever were displayed by any store in this town. We suggest you come early while our display is at its best. Prices are very low. 25c to \$7.00.

## Women's Felt Slippers

Soles are of flexible leather, and tops are threaded with bright ribbon. A good gift for wife or mother. \$1.00 pair up. Children's, \$1.00.

## Heavy Scarfs

What could be more suitable for the outdoor boy or girl than one of these warm scarfs to wrap up in? Choice of color combinations. \$1.00 up.

## Women's Plain Silk Hose

Never before has silk hosiery been so popular. Women have adopted it for daily wear. Your mother, wife or sweetheart will appreciate one or more pairs as a gift. \$1.00 pair up.

## A Set for Five

Count them. There are five little tea cups, five saucers, five little plates, and a good size tea pot—just enough for yourself and four other girls. Or perhaps you would prefer having tea alone with your dolls, and when mother isn't too busy, she could take tea with you. This set has pretty rabbit decorations. You may like this pattern even better than the others we are selling at 50c.

## For Your Parties

When dolly has her party or when you have yours—you will find a nice red table very useful. Santa left just the kind you need at our toy department, so you can see them. Painted bright red. \$1.00 up.

## Circus Toy

One of the most colorful parts of a child's life is the circus. Here's a toy cage for augmenting the youngster's circus parade. \$2.50.

## Toy Pianos

For tuneful hours. Real musical instruments—each key gives an accurate note. Don't wait too long to buy. 50c.

## Animal Toys

The stuffed flannel-covered animals which will be baby's favorite playthings. Well shaped and well sewed. Good values. 25c up.

## Juvenile Speed Autos

Pedal-propelling automobiles that are excellent imitations of the big cars. Rubber-tired and accessories as windshield, etc., on each. \$6.75 up.

## Well-Built Steel Wagons

Get your boy a wagon that is built to last—one that he can get good service from, both in work and play. Every boy loves a good wagon, and he becomes the leader of his set when the proud possessor of one. \$3.75.

## The King of Them All

All the boys in the neighborhood will admire this splendid velocipede when you sail swiftly along on its big, rubber-tired wheels. It has genuine ball-bearings, and just look at the "speed-grip" handle bars and that easy-riding seat! Santa Claus may think this one is too big for you, but if he does, there are others at the store—smaller ones for boys your size. They are priced as low as \$14.00 up.

## Moving Picture Machines

Real, sure-enough moving picture machines that are lighted electrically and are absolutely safe and fireproof. Each machine has an adjustable focus and comes complete with film. \$8.75 up.

## Games to Amuse and Entertain

It is a matter of no little pride to us that the selection of Games we are able to offer this Holiday Season far exceeds any other collection we have brought together. You will find here all of the old-time games, some of them created in new and novel ways. And you also will find a splendid assortment of the world's newest games for young and old. 10c up.

## Tree Ornaments

We have in stock this year a very complete line of Christmas tree ornaments and trimmings. Come in and select a few new pieces. All prices.

## To Help Mother

Of course, you want to help mother keep the house clean, and you can do it with this little carpet sweeper. Works just like a larger one. Has stiff bristle brush and wood wheels. 25c.

## Children's Blackboards

This is the style that has a roll at the top with the alphabet—cats, dogs, etc., for the children to copy. The boards have a good black surface and very stout frames. A toy of great value to the children starting in school. \$2.29.

## "Spic," the Drummer

You should hear him play. With a regular professional roll he taps the small drum and at the same time he beats the cymbal with his foot. He never gets tired and is always ready to play. Has strong spring motor. 50c.

## "ABC" Rubber Balls

There should always be a big rubber ball at the top of the stocking, and what ball could be better than one of these? Made of pure white rubber with alphabet in raised letters. 10c up.

## Children's Furniture

Children will take particular pride in the possession of this furniture, made especially for them. Table and chair sets, every piece well made and finished. \$9.00 set.

## "Scooters"

When you see your children making their own "scooters" out of whatever they can find, mark it in your memory to tell Santa so that he will bring them one of the fast and strong ball-bearing "Scooters"—they are the "real" thing. \$2.75 up.

## Reliable Air Rifle

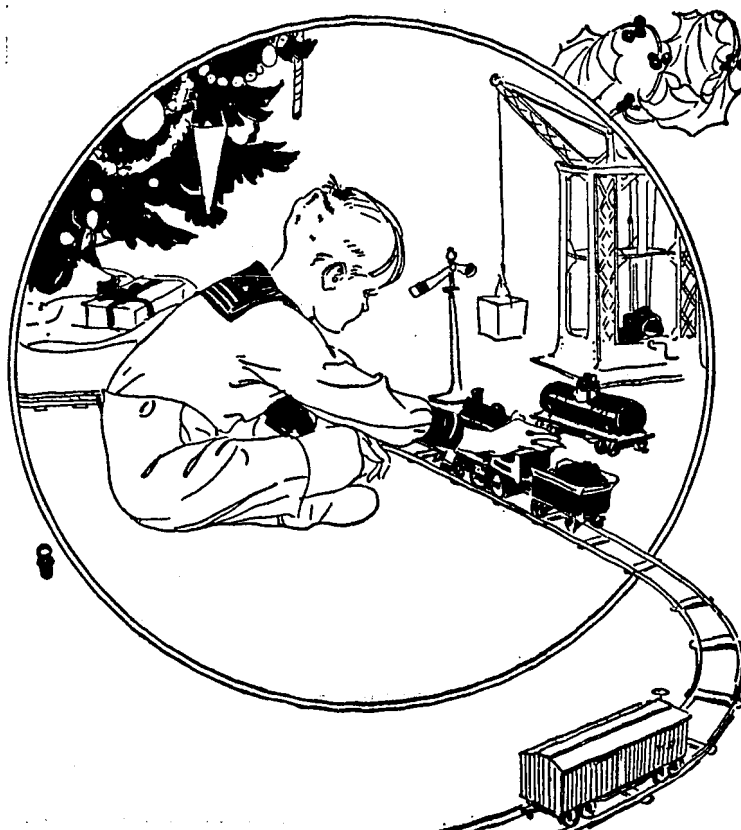
Teach the boys to shoot straight by providing them with these air rifles for target practice. These are well made sure action guns—the kind a boy is proud to own. \$1.50 to \$2.50.

## Let Dolly Sleep Well

After a hard day's play, dolly needs a good night's rest, and she will find this little bed very comfortable. It has nice soft mattress and pillow. Strong metal frame. 50c.

## For Dolly's Outing

After you have played with dolly until she is just tired out, what could be better for her than to take her "bye, bye" in this easy riding carriage? It has rubber tires, long springs, tilting top and strong wheels just like the bigger carriages. Priced at only \$3.95 up.



## Mechanical Trains

Every year sees a big improvement in mechanical toys. The trains we are showing this season are mighty good values and of better quality than ever for the money. Trains from \$1.00 up.

We have a fine stock of the famous Lionel Trains at reasonable prices.

## Men's Good Hose Values

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Give him dressy hosiery. Men like neat-appearing hose for dress. They are well pleased to open a holly box Xmas morning to find several pairs of this hose. Make your selections early from our new showing. We can save you money on excellent merchandise. Pair, 35c up.

## Men's Bath Robes

One of these blanket bath robes is certain to please the man. Close-fitting collar, patch pockets and tasseled cord belt make these unusually attractive at \$7.25 up.

## Men's Dress Gloves

There perhaps is no other article in men's wearing apparel so extensively used for gift occasions as dress gloves. Our selection is unusually complete. All the popular fabrics, distinctive stitching, splendid values. The leather gloves shown are priced at \$2.00 up.

## Leather Belts

The newest and improved styles in men's belts. They have the regulation hook or lever buckle. One in a nice holly box will be just the thing to surprise him Xmas. \$1.00 up.

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